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### IDAHO CATTLE ON FEED UP 4 PERCENT

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on April 1, 2006 totaled 250,000 head, up 4 percent from the April 1, 2005 inventory, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The inventory was down 2 percent from the number on hand March 1, 2006. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during March totaled 42,000 head, down 2,000 head from March 2005 placements. Marketings during March totaled 45,000 head, down 8,000 from March 2005 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.8 million head on April 1, 2006. The inventory was 9 percent above April 1, 2005 and 10 percent above April 1, 2004. This is the highest April 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.74 million steers and steer calves, up 11 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 66 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.0 million head, up 5 percent from 2005. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.84 million, 5 percent above 2005 and 1 percent above 2004. Net placements were 1.75 million. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 380,000, 600-699 pounds were 342,000, 700-799 pounds were 565,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 550,000. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.96 million, down slightly from 2005 and slightly below 2004. Other disappearance totaled 90,000 during March, 32 percent above 2005 and 34 percent above 2004.

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